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6 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Personal Meeting with AEPRIMER/1.

1. A personal meeting was held by the undersigned with Subject on 1 April 1959, between the hours of 1700 and 1740 at the Fleetwood Restaurant in New York City, N.Y.

2. The following items of operational interest were discussed:

- a. Utilization of Subject's relative as a REDSKIN.
- b. Subject's latest meeting with SITNIKOV, the Second Secretary of the Byelorussian Delegation to the United Nations.

3. a. Subject expects his uncle, K. Mierlak, to visit him on 12 April 1959. Subject had proposed his uncle as a possible REDSKIN for use this year in Byelorussia. This information was passed on to SR/10. Subject would like to know if his uncle will be used by us. If not, then Subject will undertake a share of the travel expenses and play the trip as a Byelorussian National Rada venture. Subject was informed by the undersigned that an inquiry would be made and the results would be telephoned to Subject as soon as possible.

b. Subject had a meeting recently (see AEPRIMER/1 agent report) with SITNIKOV. This had been arranged jokingly to test the virtues of American vodka and Soviet vodka. Subject came prepared, having eaten a hearty meal, to engage in a drinking bout. SITNIKOV came unprepared and after several water glasses of vodka lost some of his previous reticence and became talkative. The most interesting portion of their meeting came about as a result of Subject's disbelief that SITNIKOV was a Byelorussian since he does not speak the language. SITNIKOV explained this by saying that he was taken in by the Soviets when he was a street waif and raised by the Soviets. SITNIKOV said he owed everything to the Soviets, his education, his position, etc., but that he was still foremost a Byelorussian. Continued disbelief on the part of the Subject caused SITNIKOV to exclaim words to this effect, "how can I prove it to you - what do you want me to do"? Subject was taken by surprise by this question and therefore changed the conversation to the subject of literature. Subject is of the impression that SITNIKOV was placing himself in position for a recruitment pitch. Subject was advised by the undersigned not to push along this line but to continue the friendly relationship. If it is SITNIKOV's intent to penetrate the BNR or AIS then SITNIKOV himself, seeing that the bait was not taken by Subject, will bring up the subject again. In all probability he will recruit himself.

Subject states that out of a large collection of Byelorussian literature offered to him, SITNIKOV selected two items, i.e., ADAMOVICH's book "SOVIETIZATION OF BYELORUSSIAN LITERATURE" and the BNR publication, "THE INDEPENDENCE DAY MANIFESTO". Subject was surprised that SITNIKOV would

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select the Manifesto as it was not truly a historical book as desired by SITNIKOV but a PP publication by the BNR. SITNIKOV also insisted on paying for the books (\$2.00).

The meeting of Subject and SITNIKOV ended on an understanding that if SITNIKOV needed anything he would come to Subject and if Subject was in need of anything he would call on SITNIKOV.

4. Subject was paid his spotting salary for the month of March 1959.
5. Arrangements for the next meeting will be made by telephone.

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